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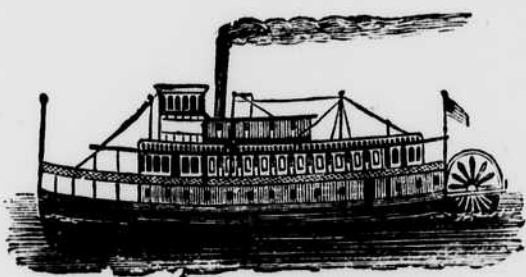
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BAD MANAGEMENT

Of Affairs in Atlin District.

Hans Helgesen has just arrived in Victoria from Atlin, heading a delegation of miners who are to ask that changes be made. The following statement to be presented to the executive Council of the Province of British Columbia was shown your correspondent:

To the Hon Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia:

Gentlemen: I have been delegated by the merchants and other business men of Atlin City and District, to lay before you, in conjunction with the delegation of working miners of the same district, certain matters of grievance that are laying heavily upon the industries and general prosperity of the district I have been chosen to represent. I cannot believe that the Government is cognizant of the loss, hardship and suffering which has been occasioned by several acts of your administration in the Atlin District.

Disputed Claims.—The unfortunate tangle which took place in the recorder's office at Atlin last fall has been the occasion of much trouble and delay in mining operations in the district, and this has been greatly aggravated by the outlay which has taken place in the opening of the enquiry of your judicial commissioner appointed to settle the existing disputes. The inquiry has now been opened, however, and we are hopeful that there will be a speedy settlement of the disputes as to the claims, but in the opinion of myself and the people I represent, it is unfair and unjust to force such claimants whose cases may come before the commissioner to pay \$25 to have established the right by which the law already gives them. This exaction is sure to result in injustice, for many claimants are moneyless and their just claims on this account alone will be sacrificed. The rule should be established at least, that where a claimant makes good his case the money paid in shall be returned, in any case we believe the charges to be too heavy.

Another matter in this connection, the powers of the Gold Commissioner should be enlarged so that he will be enabled hereafter to settle all disputes as they may arise, otherwise, if he is compelled to accept any record that is offered him, as in the past, and then tie up all claims that are in dispute, the same difficulties that have originated in the past will be repeated in the future to the great loss of the whole community.

The Close Season.—One of the most harmful and disheartening features of your administration in the district has been the successive extensions you have made of the close season on placer mines. The date first set for the open season to begin was June 1st. It was next changed to June 15th., then to July 1st, and now it is announced that the season will not open till August 1st, a period so late in the year as to appear really ridiculous to the working miner. We have no hesitation in asserting that at no time has there been any just reason for these delays. Your honorable body can not be aware of the suffering and loss inflicted on the miners and the business men of the district by these repeated delays, and a unanimous demand goes forward from Atlin that a date, several weeks earlier than August 1st should even now be set for the open season to begin. There have been, we understand, some 5000 to 6000 claims recorded in the district, and many hundreds of working miners came in at great expense early in the season, fully expecting that as all these claims must be represented each by at least one man there would be abundance on and after that date, and there undoubt-

ANOTHER FAKE.

Great Stampede to the Cape Nome District. Fools not all Dead

The rush to Cape Nome has struck the country and a number of people have pulled up stakes and started for the new diggings on American soil. There are hundreds of others who would like to go, but have not the money necessary to meet the expenses of a long trip.

Old miners, who have followed stampedes all their lives, have but little confidence in the reported wonderful richness of the Cape Nome country. They say that there seems to be too much "pernicious activity" on the part of the steamboat men; that it looks like as if it were an excitement to turn the tide of travel to the St. Michael route instead of by the other way. The big commercial companies operating on the lower Yukon are loth to give up the monopoly of the out-going transportation which they have held for so long, but which would have been doomed this year but for the timely discovery of rich placers at Cape Nome. This excitement alone has caused hundreds of people, who otherwise, would have come out from the interior via short routes, to choose the long and uncertain way around by St. Michael, in order to take a look at the new diggings or to be near in case the good reports were verified. A "transportation fake" is what many characterize it, and on the other hand there are some who think the new country is all that is all that is claimed for it, and at any rate it is just far enough away from civilization to catch the "suckers."

edly would have been except for the postponement of the open season. Many miners were really engaged to work or promised work, but when the close season, by proclamation of the Government was extended, the owners of the claims did not employ the men so they were compelled to remain from week to week and from month to month so far during the whole of this season in complete idleness and under conditions where living is extremely expensive. All this was disheartening in the extreme. They put in large stocks of goods in view of the large employment of men which the operation of the 5000 or 6000 would occasion, but they have been disappointed and their interests sacrificed for the same reason. Many merchants, in view of the promises which were made to the men of employment extended their credit for supplies to keep them from starvation. All of this is now a pure loss to them because the men have not been employed, and no employment now seems probable or possible, except the immediate opening of the close season is ordered at once.

Hydraulic Leases.—The delay of the Government in the issue of leases for hydraulic mining has prevented the employment of a great many men in the necessary work of prospecting the leases with a view to determine their value and to obtain the necessary data for floating the companies next winter. It has also had the sad effect of driving out capital. Numerous capitalists have gone in with almost unlimited capital behind them willing to invest, but have gone out in disgust, not being able to acquire ground, because the Government has refused to grant leases.

We therefore earnestly hope that the Government will at once remedy this evil by granting hydraulic leases when applied for and recommended by the Gold Commissioner.

(Signed)

HANS HELGESEN, M. P. P.,
On behalf of the merchants, business men of Atlin District.

GOV. BRADY

Will Cruise Along The Alaskan Coast.

"From reports brought down from the North the revenue cutter Perry will not make a very extended cruise in the Bering Sea. Private advices state that upon her arrival at Sitka she received orders to return to that place on Sep 1, for the purpose of taking Gov. Brady of Alaska on a tour of inspection to the various points along the Alaskan coast. This pilgrimage is made annually by the Governor and the Department furnishes him with means of transportation. The object of this annual trip is to secure data, gain information of the needs and necessities of outlying districts, so that in his annual report to the President the Governor can make recommendations from actual observations and personal knowledge. The points usually visited are those along the coast west of Sitka as far as St. Michael, including the various salmon canneries. This extra cruise imposed upon the Perry will keep her in Alaska waters a greater length of time than the other cutters of the fleet.

"Under the provisions of the new law governing Alaska July 1, was the day designated when liquor could be openly shipped into that country and as a result the manifests of the steamers Farrallon, City of Seattle, and Humbolt show a large consignment to Alaskan ports. It is variously estimated that these boats carried nearly one thousand gallons for Juneau, Skagway, Wrangel and Sitka. It is further stated that the high license system, which went into effect on July 1, has had a demoralizing effect on the liquor business and has resulted in the closing of a large number of saloons. Heretofore all that was required to start a saloon was a bottle or two and a few glasses, and with which many men made a good living. Now that it is necessary to take out a high license the liquor business in the North is practically thrown into the hands of the wealthier few of the liquor dealers."—Seattle Times.

WRECK OF THE DANUBE.

Description of How She Lies On the Vancouver Coast.

Between Romax Point and Black Point there is a small bar which is covered with large boulders. The channel runs in the center of this bar and at high tide there is plenty of water for the largest ship that floats. The tides of late, as is always so at this time of the year, have been lower than usual, and the Danube caught one of these low tides. She was going fast and struck a boulder which tore a hole in her stern. The chief engineer immediately notified the captain that she was making water and an effort was made to beach her. She was filling fast and the shore was only a short distance, but she sank before reaching the beach in water up to her main-deck. The freight in the hold is doubtless in a bad condition. As long as the weather continues calm, her position is not a dangerous one, but should a wind come up she will break up very quickly. A diver is on his way up from Seattle and a wrecking steamer will follow immediately to attempt to raise her. The pictures of the Danube show her main deck to be on the level with the water with the stern slightly below the surface.

Church Announcement.

Everyone is invited to the Service Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church. The theme of the evening will be the story of Zaccheus. Service at 8 o'clock p. m.; Sunday School at 2:30 p. m.

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The people of Wrangel have just cause to be jealous of our sister city to the South, i. e. Ketchikan from the fact that they have claimed, and apparently secured for themselves a mining recorder and commissioner who is above suspicion. This result was only secured by the united effort of the people of Ketchikan ably assisted by the Honorable Judge of the District Court.

It is now settled beyond a doubt that there is to be railroad from Glenora to the Interior. Already men are at work doing the necessary grading preparatory to construction work. The building of a railroad is a matter that has long been neglected owing to various reasons and the fact that capitalists have begun operations in earnest is taken as an evidence of the faith in the future of that wonderfully rich country adjoining the head of steamboat navigation on the Stikeen River.

THERE seems to be no end to the arrival of stragglers from the Edmonton trail. The stories of hardship and suffering which they tell is heart-rending in the extreme and show a total absence of any principle of humanity on the part of those who first advocated that route as a means of reaching the Klondike. If the promoters of the Edmonton death trap had stated that their route led by way of the North Pole, there would no doubt been some fools who would have chosen it as an easy route, but they would have been few in comparison to the number who are known to have perished on the Edmonton trail and still less in comparison to the number who have managed to get back to civilization physical wrecks, without having reached the gold fields, and unfitted by reason of ruined constitutions, to resume their former occupations. Many of these wrecks, of formerly strong men, must of necessity become dependent on friends or public charity for the remainder of their lives; and the greatest regret is that the "wolves" who induced them to seek that route cannot be made to suffer with the innocent "lambs" who were victims of their greed.

HON. A. P. SWINEFORD, Ex-Governor of Alaska, and one of the best posted men in the territory, has been elected mining recorder at Ketchikan. The JOURNAL congratulates the citizens of Ketchikan in particular, and the miners of Southeastern Alaska in general, on their wise selection of a good mining recorder for the Ketchikan mining district. There now remains no doubt but what the Ex Governor will also be appointed Commissioner by Judge Johnson, under the provisions of the Act passed by Congress and approved March 3, 1899, and giving the Judge of the District Court the power to appoint such commissioner. The honor of this appointment comes to Mr. Swineford entirely unsolicited, and his acceptance of the same is the result of a unanimous demand on the part of the people of the Ketchikan district who have long realized the disadvantages of being subject to the rule of "Fred the First" King of Wrangel.

THE JOURNAL wishes to take this opportunity to call the attention of the Hon. Charles S. Johnson, Judge of the District Court of Alaska, that it is within his province to appoint a commissioner for Wrangel, who not alone be capable of understanding the law but also willing to administer the law honorably and honestly. We beg to call the attention of Judge Johnson to the fact that the present commissioner, Fred Page-Tustin, is a man wholly unfit for the position. He has used the office which he now occupies, for personal gain.

He has put men in prison without due process of law.

He has charged illegal fees.

He has accepted an overcoat.

He has done sundry and other things not compatible to the dignified position which he now occupies.

The people of Wrangel are tired of his rule and pray the Court and the honorable judge to grant us relief. Any change must of necessity be a change for the better. No man, other than Fred Page-Tustin, could drag the position of United States Commissioner deeper in the mire of popular disgust than he has done. In the name of the free and liberty-loving people of Wrangel we ask, and even demand relief—and in making the demand—we are simply demanding our right, i. e. JUSTICE.

THE recent developments in mining in South-eastern Alaska have been such as will ultimately result in great good to Wrangel. Almost every day reports are brought in of rich strikes in the immediate vicinity. The best of these is the report which came from Alexander Bay of a ledge over one hundred feet in width, and carrying mineral which average into the hundreds of dollars per ton. Such a vein if it will hold its value to any depth will prove the most valuable in Alaska or in the world. The finding of such a vein within a few miles of Wrangel proves the oft repeated statement that Alaska is in its infancy and has never been prospected. It has always been claimed that rich mines would be found in this vicinity, and it now begins to look like fact. Wrangel has long been dependent largely upon the river traffic and fur trading; but the prospects of this becoming a city of considerable size, were never better than they are to day; and if any point in Alaska deserves to be prospered more than another, that point is Fort Wrangel. This place has never received the least particle of assistance from the out-

side world, and any success that has been eschewed has been the result of persistent effort on the part of our citizens. It is a well known fact that the only foundation on which Skaguay has been able to stand is the support it has received from the newspapers published in Seattle. This is especially true of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, a sensational publication of limited circulation, issued in the interests of the publishers. Wrangel has never paid tribute to "yellow journals" but has preferred to stand on its own foundation supported by facts alone, and on this basis Wrangel will continue to grow and prosper. Our citizens are enterprising and they have a rich country tributary to them on which to draw. Such conditions, and no other, will make a permanent and prosperous center of business.

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[Mining Laws Continued.]
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Sec. 2330. Legal subdivisions of forty acres may be subdivided into ten acre tracts; and two or more persons, or associations of persons, having contiguous claims of any size, although such claims may be less than ten acres each, may make joint entry thereof; but no location of a placer claim, made after the ninth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, shall exceed one hundred and sixty acres for any one person or association of persons, which location shall conform to the United States surveys; and nothing in this section contained shall defeat or impair any bona fide preemption or homestead claims upon agricultural lands, or authorize the sale of the improvements of any bona fide settler to any purchaser.

Sec. 2331. Where placer claims are upon surveyed lands, and conform to legal subdivisions, no further survey or plat shall be required, and all placer mining claims located after the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall be conformed as near as practicable with the United States system of public land surveys, and the rectangular subdivisions of such surveys, and no such location shall include more than twenty acres for each individual claimant; but where placer claims can not be conformed to legal subdivisions, survey and plat shall be made as on unsurveyed lands; and where by the segregation of mineral lands in any legal subdivision a quantity of agricultural land remains, such fractional portion of agricultural land may be entered by any party qualified by law, for homestead or preemption purposes.

25. But one discovery of mineral is sufficient to support a placer location, whether it be of twenty acres by an individual, or of one hundred and sixty acres or less by an association of persons.

BUILDING STONE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person authorized to enter lands under the laws of the United States may enter lands that are chiefly valuable for building stone under the provisions of the law in relation to placer-mineral claims: Provided, That lands reserved for the benefit of public schools or donated to any State shall not be subject to entry under this act.

26. This act extends the mineral land laws so as to bring land chiefly valuable for building stone within the provisions of said law by authorizing a

placer entry of such lands. It does not operate, however, to withdraw lands chiefly valuable for building stone from entry under any existing law applicable thereto. Registers and receivers should therefore make a reference to said act on the entry papers in the case of all placer entries made for lands containing stone chiefly valuable for building purposes. It will be noted that lands reserved for the benefit of public schools or donated to any State are not subject to entry under said act.

PETROLEUM AND OTHER MINERAL OILS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person authorized to enter lands under the mining laws of the United States may enter and obtain patent to lands containing petroleum or other mineral oils, and chiefly valuable therefor, under the provision of the laws relating to placer claims: Provided that lands containing such petroleum or other mineral oils which have heretofore been filed upon, claimed, or improved as mineral, but not yet patented, may be held and patented under the provisions of this act the same as if such filing, claim, or improvement were subsequent to the passage hereof.

27. It is to be observed that the provisions of the mineral laws relating to placers are by said act extended so as to allow the location and entry thereunder of public lands chiefly valuable for petroleum or other mineral oils, and entries of that nature made prior to the passage of said act are to be considered as though made thereunder.

28. By section 2330 authority is given for the subdivision of forty-acre legal subdivisions into ten acre lots, which is intended for the greater convenience of miners to segregate their claims both one from another and from intervening agricultural lands.

29. It is held, therefore, that under a proper construction of the law these ten acre lots in mining districts should be considered and dealt with, to all intents and purposes, as legal subdivisions, and that an applicant having a legal claim which conforms to one or more of these ten acre lots, either adjoining or cornering, may make entry thereof, after the usual proceedings, without survey or plat.

30. In cases of this kind, however, the notice given of the application must be very specific and accurate in description, and as the forty acre tracts may be subdivided into ten-acre lots, either in the form of squares of ten by ten chains, or if parallelograms, five by twenty chains, so long as the lines are parallel and at right angles with the lines of the public surveys, it will be necessary that the notice and application state specifically what ten-acre lots are sought to be patented in addition to the other data required in the notice.

31. Where the ten-acre subdivision is in the form of a square it may be described, for instance, as the "SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$," or if in the form of a parallelogram as aforesaid, it may be described as the "W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$," or the "N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section—, township—, range—, as the case may be; but in addition to the description of the land, the notice must give all the data that is required in a mineral application, by which parties may be put on inquiry as to the premises sought to be patented. The proofs submitted with applications for claims of this kind must show clearly the character and the extent of the improvements upon the premises.

The proof of the improvements must show their value to be not less than five hundred dollars and that they were made by the applicant or his grantors. The annual expenditure to the amount of \$100, required by Section 2324, Revised Statutes, must be made upon placer as well as lode claims.

32. Applicants for patent to a placer who are also in possession of a known vein or lode included therein, must state in the application that the placer includes such vein or lode. The published and posted notices must also include such statement. If veins or lodes lying within a placer location are owned by other parties, the fact should be distinctly stated in the application for patent, and in all notices. But in all cases whether the lode is claimed or excluded, it must be surveyed and marked upon the plat: the field notes giving the area of the lode claim or claims and the area of the placer separately. It should be remembered that an application which omits to include an application for a known vein or lode therein, must be construed as a conclusive declaration that the applicant has no right of possession to the vein or lode. Where there is no lode or vein, the fact must appear by the affidavit of two or more witnesses.

33. By section 2330 it is declared that no location of a placer claim, made after July 9, 1870, shall exceed one hundred and sixty acres for any one person or

association of persons, which location shall conform to the United States surveys.

34. Section 2331 provides that all placer-mining claims located after May 10, 1872, shall conform as nearly as possible to the United States system of public surveys and the subdivisions of such surveys, and no location shall include more than twenty acres for each individual claimant.

35. The foregoing provisions of law are construed to mean that after the 9th day of July, 1870 no location of a placer claim can be made to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, whatever may be the number of locators associated together, or whatever the local regulations of the district may allow; and that from and after May 10, 1872, no location can exceed twenty acres for each individual participating therein; that is, a location by two persons can not exceed forty acres, and one by three persons can not exceed sixty acres.

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11	2	35	35	35	37	31	31	31	11
16	7	20	20	20	4	6	6	6	16
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26	17	30	30	30	14	16	16	16	26
June 1	22	35	35	35	19	21	21	21	1
5	26	40	40	40	24	26	26	26	5
10	31	45	45	45	29	31	31	31	10
15	36	50	50	50	34	36	36	36	15
20	41	55	55	55	39	41	41	41	20
25	46	60	60	60	44	46	46	46	25
30	51	65	65	65	49	51	51	51	30
July 5	56	70	70	70	54	56	56	56	July 10
10	61	75	75	75	59	61	61	61	15
15	66	80	80	80	64	66	66	66	20
20	71	85	85	85	69	71	71	71	25

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LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.
T. C. McHugh of the St. Michael Trading Co., is spending a few days in
Ice Cream Parlor: call and see us and we will treat you right. We are prepared to furnish it in any quantity on twenty-four hours notice, delivered to any part of the city.—Wrangel Dairy Co.

Weigel makes a specialty of fine pastry to order.
Ketchikan.

E. T. Cassel of Seattle, was registered at the Fort Wrangel Hotel on Sunday last.

Rosalie is due tomorrow....Keep your eye on the Hunt Grocery!

Have you subscribed for the Journal? If not, why not?

A number of the distinguished persons, who have been in Wrangel during the past week, have made this office a pleasant call. The latch string is out and strangers are always made welcome.

Weigel makes the best Pies, Cakes, and bread in town.

For a first class shave, hair cut or shampoo, patronize the O. K. Tonsorial parlors. Finest brands of Cigars & Tobaccos.

Finest Apple Cider and Root Beer.
—Ice Cold—at the Hunt Grocery Co.

Ike, Abrams the well known representative of H. & T. Weil and Co. San Francisco, is spending a few days in Wrangel. Mr. Abrams has been coming to Alaska for the last twenty years and is well known to all the "old-timers."

The demand for legal documents and Notary work has been very heavy at this office during the past week. All such work is carefully and promptly attended to.

The s. s. Alaska, Capt. Crook, made a trip this week to Ice Bay and Le Counte Glacier. Capt. Willson, of the firm of Wilson & Sylvester, had invited a number of citizens to accompany him on the trip. The party returned Friday morning after having had a very pleasant trip; she brought back a large quantity of ice.

One of the Cubans who refused to take the proffered 75 "bucks," was promptly tarred and feathered and ridden on a rail by others who did. Instead of spilling their blood, he thanked them for the ride and wanted to know why he was thus honored. That man would make a good "King of Wrangel."

Edward Hoffstead a well known resident of Wrangel; formerly in the customs service, left a few days ago with his brother on their steamer. The Hoffstead Bros. expect to put in the summer prospecting.

A little boy is, or rather was, very ambitious to become a letter carrier. A short time ago he secretly secured a bundle of old love-letters that his mother had treasured since her courtship days, and distributed them from house to house throughout the neighborhood.

J. W. Ballard of Washington D. C., was a welcome caller at the JOURNAL office this week. Mr. Ballard is in Alaska on official business. He has gone to Prince of Wales Island where he will be for a short time; after which he will return to Wrangel to attend to certain matters that require his attention at this place.

Three prisoners confined in the Wrangel, Alaska, jail were indiscreet enough to lean against the wall of the building and fell through. Being alarmed at their abrupt exit and fearful of the delicate nature of the building, they departed to a place of safety.

E. B. Wishaar, a newspaperman formerly of Skagway, was in Wrangel this week on his way to Dawson with a complete plant to be used in publishing the Dawson Daily News. Mr. Wishaar made the Journal a pleasant call and expressed his great pleasure at seeing one newspaper that was fearless in its exposure of rottenness and corruption on the part of the "grafters," from Oregon, and Roseburg in particular who are holding office in Alaska. Call again brother!

THE TRUTH.

The Alaska Truth, a new venture in the newspaper field has reached our table. It is published in Juneau by printers formerly engaged on the Alaska Miner. We hope Truth will emulate the example of the JOURNAL and publish the truth, and nothing but the truth. By following this course fearlessly, success is assured.

We welcome Truth to the newspaper field, and bespeak for the publishers appreciation, not alone from the people of Juneau, but from all Alaska.

Newton Spicer, the manager of the McKinnon wharf Co., left on the Casca for a trip up the Stikine River to Glenora. Mr. Spicer will return in about one week.

Judge W. H. Meilan of Juneau, was a visitor in Wrangel this week. The Judge was returning from his mining property on Prince of Wales Island.

The public is warned to beware of F. N. Whitney, L. Patenaude, and Deputy Marshall W. D. Grant. These persons are, under ordinary circumstances, gentlemen with a great regard for truth and honesty; but in an evil moment they consented to go fishing. They returned a few days ago bringing back a goodly number of fish. There can be no question as to what they brought back; but regarding the great number which they were unable to bring back for fear of swamping the boat, and regarding the sundry other yarns which they tell—Gentlemen, fishing ruins a man!

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thwing and family left this week on the City of Seattle. There were a large number of citizens on hand to say "good-bye" to Mrs. Thwing who has done a good work while in Wrangel, and whose going is a source of great regret to all classes.

Somebody has discovered that a Bermuda onion eaten raw will clear the head. A Bermuda onion will do more than that—it will clear an entire room. An active Bermuda onion is a complete clearing house all by itself.

A girl wept when she saw the soldier boys marching past. She thought they were going to war, but they had only been up the street to have their photographs taken by Curlyon the Photographer.

An Eastern paper says: There is too much wife killing in this town. Would the editor kindly specify about the percentage of wife-killing which he considers would be about right?

The health Department of the City of Chicago has issued a circular announcing that sunstroke is caused by excessive heat. Thus it will be seen that there is always something new to be learned.

Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give more than temporary relief, until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude, not that you need it to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. DAW, Keokuk, Iowa. For sale by Wrangel Drug Co.

Persons troubled with diarrhoea will be interested in the experience of Mr. W. M. Bush, clerk of Hotel Dorrence, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhoea, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duties at the hotel. About two years ago a travelling salesman kindly gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy. Much to my surprise and delight its effects were immediate. Whenever I felt symptoms of the disease, I would fortify myself against the attack with a few doses of this valuable remedy. The result has been very satisfactory and almost complete cure from the affliction." For Sale by the Wrangel Drug Co.

Gospel meeting every Sunday night at 436 Front St. at 7.30 p. m. Bible class every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the same place. All are cordially invited to attend.

Regular Church Services—Presbyterian Church.

Services for Natives, 11 a. m., and 4 p. m. Sunday and 4 p. m. Wednesday.

Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.

Song service 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting, Friday, 8 p. m.

All are cordially invited. Seats free.

ONLY MACHINERY SAVED.

The machinery of the Alaskan liner Brixam has been picked up and is now on its way to the Sound on the steamer Rapid Transit. It was found in six fathoms of water and, despite its being long under water, it is said to be in pretty fair condition. The hull has broken in two, and the stern portion has moved 150 feet from its original position; while the former part has even shifted to a greater degree in an opposite direction, having gone to the base of the ledge on which the vessel struck. Capt. Cain was a lucky man who took over the Brixam wreck. He purchased the vessel for the Pacific Clipper Company of Seattle, and has done well. It is said in its speculation. The Brixam went ashore last fall while on her way North with passengers and freight and her machinery is all that has been saved of her.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. P. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by Wrangel Drug Co.

Most men and women like to waltz, not for the dance, but for the position of a chance to hug and be hugged. In the east, fashion has decreed that "sitting" out of a waltz is the correct thing. The position is the same, and the hugging facilities vastly improved. You sit beside your lady, your arm around her waist. Your left hand holds her right. Her left hand on your shoulder her head resting lovingly on your bosom, and the music goes on the same. This is better than galloping a mile or two to get a hug. There certainly is no more harm sitting on a sofa hugging to music and squeezing the lady every time you turn the corner.

Soft Soap!

"That the handsomest woman in Juneau was a passenger on the Flossie last Sunday evening for Douglas Island." Douglas Island News.

To the above the Alaska Miner of Juneau asks: "Who is she?" evidently Bro. Hoffman has not become acquainted with the "raffy stick" belonging to the editor of the great religious weekly, published on Douglas Island.

When you want to buy anything patronize the merchants who advertise in the Journal. As a rule you will find that the men who help support the local paper are live, progressive and wide-awake and accommodating to their customers.

"During the hot weather last summer I had a severe attack of cholera morbus necessitating my leaving my business," says Mr. C. A. Bare, of Hare Bros., Fincastle, Ohio. "After taking two or three doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I was completely relieved and in a few hours was able to resume my work in store. I sincerely recommend it to any one afflicted with stomach or bowel trouble." For sale by the Wrangel Drug Co.

A Reliable Pilot.

Any one wishing to engage the services of a reliable guide and pilot who is familiar with the entire coast of South eastern Alaska, can do so by calling at this office, or at Reid & Sylvester's store. A great many mining experts and others will come to Alaska this summer with a desire to visit some particular locality along the coast. All such persons will find it to their best interests to obtain the services of a perfectly reliable pilot, who, from long experience is acquainted with the Alaska coast and tide currents.

CITIZENS OF WRANGEL.

You are requested by the Fort Wrangel Chamber of Commerce to use all the (house and back) in case, for your door yard of any garbage and sweep a clean place there, or place the same in a proper receptacle, and remove it to the sea at intervals of not less than three times a week.

By observing this, you will be doing your part towards saving our town from city sickness and disease during the coming hot season. Very respectfully,
E. W. LAPSLEY, M. D.,
RUFUS SYLVESTER,
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Sanitary Committee for the Fort Wrangel Chamber of Commerce.
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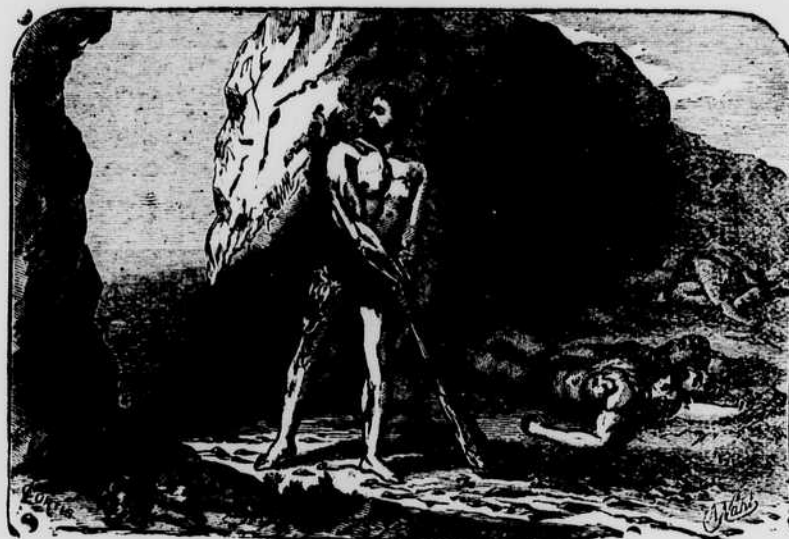
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